

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-11 were previously pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, and 11 are amended herein. Assuming the entry of this amendment, claims 1-11 are now pending in the application. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks.

In paragraph 2, the Examiner rejected claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,005,700 to Pressler et al. (hereinafter “Pressler”) in view of US Patent No. 5,307,053 to Wills et al. (hereinafter “Wills”). For the following reasons, the Applicant submits that the claims are allowable over the cited references. Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite:

“wherein said first baseband signal is multiplexed with said RF signal and is a series of direct current pulses indicating radio status, said first baseband signal multiplexed with said RF signal applied to said first visual indicator [emphasis added].”

As recited in Applicant’s amended claim 1, the first baseband signal is multiplexed with the RF signal on the signal lead, and the multiplexed signal applied to the first visual indicator. Independent claims 5, 6, 10, and 11 are similarly amended and 5 and 10 amended to recite a similar feature for the second baseband signal multiplexed with the RF signal applied to the second visual indicator. Support for the amendments may be found throughout the Applicant’s specification and, in particular, at page 4, lines 28-33, and Figs. 3 and 4. Such multiplexing of baseband and RF signals on the same connection or signal lead to/from the antenna/radio might, for example, provide an advantage of allowing for control signals for status indicators showing transmit and receive signal status without adding additional cables to a PCMCIA card wireless terminal, radio and antenna system.

Pressler describes a computer peripheral device having an antenna (Fig. 3/no. 103), a radio (Fig. 3/no. 102) and a cable (FIG. 2V/no. 204&206). Applicant directs the Examiner to Pressler, Fig. 3 and accompanying description at col. 5, lines 15-35. Clearly, Pressler shows an RF Section no. 222, an LED Driver 224, and an Electronic Control Section no. 220. As described by Pressler, the Electronic Control Section no. 220 controls both the RF Section no. 222 and LED Driver no. 224 (col. 5, lines 21-25), but as shown in FIG. 3, the control is by separate connections/signal leads. Nowhere does Pressler describe or suggest that the control signals for the LED driver no. 224 be multiplexed with the signals associated with RF Section no. 222. Consequently, Pressler neither describes nor suggests a baseband signal multiplexed with an RF signal applied to a visual indicator to show, for example, transmit and receive signal status.

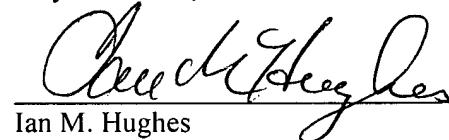
Wills, as described by the Examiner, describes a system with a transmitting indicator and a receiving indicator. Wills neither describes nor suggests a baseband signal multiplexed with an RF signal applied to a visual indicator to show, for example, transmit and receive signal status. Therefore, neither Pressler nor Wills, either alone or in combination, describes or suggests a baseband signal multiplexed with an RF signal applied to a visual indicator, as recited in Applicant’s amended claims.

For all these reasons, the Applicant submits that claims 1, 6, and 11 are allowable over Pressler and Wills, either alone or in combination. Since claims 2-5 and 7-10 depend variously from claims 1 and 6, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable over Pressler and Wills, either alone or in combination. The Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the rejections of claims under Section 103 has been overcome.

In the event that the Examiner believes that this amendment does not place the application in condition for allowance, the Applicant requests a telephonic interview between the Examiner and the Applicant's attorney Ian M. Hughes to discuss this amendment. The Applicant requests that the Examiner call Mr. Hughes (610-640-9350) to arrange a convenient time for such an interview.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that the now-pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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